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[LETTER FROM ARGALL, JUNE 9, 1617.]

[Printed, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, IV, 28.]

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[PROCLAMATION OF ARGALL IN REGARD TO PROVOST  
MARSHALS.]

[Printed, Campbell's *History of Virginia*, 125-126, and *Va. Mag. of Hist. and Biog.*, IV, 29.]

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[INSTRUCTIONS TO GOVERNOR YEARDLEY NOV. 18, 1618.]

[Printed, *Va. Mag. of Hist. and Biog.*, II, 154-165.]

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[SUMMARY OF COMMISSION TO GOVERNOR WYATT AND THE  
COUNCIL, JULY 24, 1621.]

[Printed, *Hening Statutes at Large of Virginia*, I., 113-114.]

[INSTRUCTIONS TO GOVERNOR WYATT JULY 24, 1621.]

[Printed, *Hening*, I, 114-118.]

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[LETTERS OF THE VIRGINIA COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA, JULY 25, AUGUST 12,  
AND SEPTEMBER 11, 1621.]

[Only abstracts are given in the *Randolph MS.* The letters<sup>1</sup>  
are printed in full in Neill's *Virginia Company*, 223-250.]

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[LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA  
TO THE COMPANY, JAN. 1621-22.]

[An abstract only is given in the *Randolph MS.*; but the letter  
is printed in full in Neill's *Virginia Company*, 274-286. The  
MS has however (and it is believed correctly) Sasawpen and  
Oetan, as the present and former names of one of Powhatan's  
brothers, instead of Lawsawpers, and Osatand, as printed by  
Neill, and has Mangopeetomon, as the name given Opechancano,  
instead of Mangopocomon as given by Neill.]

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[LETTERS OF THE VIRGINIA COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA, NOV. 26, DEC. 25, 1621.]

[Only abstracts are given in the manuscript. The letters are  
printed in full in Neill's *Virginia Company*, 263-273.]

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[LETTER OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA  
TO THE COMPANY, JANUARY 20, 1622.]

[Abstract only given here. Printed in full in Neill's *Virginia  
Company*, 363-376.]

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<sup>1</sup>There are among the Virginia manuscripts in the Library of Congress two sets of copies of letters of the Virginia Company. One of these was evidently recorded in the Council books at the time the letters were received. The other is a later copy of the original copies, made at a time when the somewhat difficult writing of the old copies was not very familiar to the later writers. All of these letters are to be printed by the Library of Congress in the supplementary volume to the Records of the London Company, and no doubt the earlier and more accurate copies will be the ones used.

[LETTERS OF THE VIRGINIA COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA, AUGUST 1, OCTOBER 7, 1662.]

[Abstracts only in the manuscript. Printed in full in Neill's  
*Virginia Company*, 322-333, 347-349.]

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[LETTERS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA TO  
THE VIRGINIA COMPANY, APRIL 4, JUNE 24, 1623.]

[Printed, *Va. Mag. of Hist. and Biog.*, XV, 36-37.]

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[LETTER OF THE VIRGINIA COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA, MAY 2, 1623.]

[Abstract only in the manuscript. Printed in full, Neill's  
*Virginia Company*, 391-394.]

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[EXTRACTS FROM VIRGINIA RECORDS, 1623.]

July 23d 1623. Several commissions to go against the Indians<sup>2</sup>  
viz: To Captain William Pierce against Chickahominies. Samuel Mathews against Taux Powhatan. Nathaniel West against Apamatox and Taux Weyanox, and Captain Tucker on the Nansemuns and Wariscoyacks, all which fell upon them the same day July 23d, 1623. A Week after Captain Isaac Madison marched against the great Weyanocks and Captain Tucker the Second time to Nansemmum.

November 18, 23. The Governor being going to settle a Trade with the Savages in the Bay comissionates the Council to execute all his Authorities.

Rates of Wages of handy craftsmen for 21 and 22. Four

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<sup>2</sup> These were the campaigns of retaliation against the Indians, following the massacre of 1622. The "Taux Powhatans" were at the falls of James River. "Taux Weyanoke" was at the present Weyanoke, Charles City county. The attack by Captain Tucker was on the Indians in the present counties of Isle of Wight and Nansemond. "Great Weyanoke" was on the south side of James river and included nearly the whole of the present county of Prince George. As the Chickahominies were, doubtless, regarded as including all the Indians on York, Mattapony and Pamunkey rivers, it will be seen that the whole circuit of hostile natives was assailed.

Proclamations againts Drunkenness, Swearing, Stealing of Boats &c. and Oars and against Ingrossing Comodities June 21, 22.

Two Proclamations to plant Sufficent Corn and be careful of the Indian's Treachery, 1623.

Rates of Comodities in August 23, vizt:

Canary, 6s. or 9lb. Tobacco.

Malaga " "

Alikant, " "

Tent, " "

Muskadel, " "

Bastard, " "

Salet Oyl, " "

Sherry, 4s. or 6lb. Tobacco.

Sack, " "

Aquavite, " "

Wine Vinegar, 3s. or 4s. 6d. Tobacco.

Cyder and Beer, Vinegar, 2s. or 3s. in Tobacco.

Loaf Sugar, powder Sugar, 1s. 8d. or 2s. 6d. in Tobacco.

Newfoundland fish, 15s. <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Cent £1 4s. in Tobacco.

Butter and Cheese, 3s. or 1lb Tobacco.

Canada fish, £2 or £3 10d. in Tobacco.

A proclamation against stealing beasts and tame birds and Offenders to be punished according to the Laws of England. 21 September, '23.

Another<sup>3</sup> against Woman's contracting Marriage with two men at once, 24 June, 1624.

Several petitions for Debts and other thing Entred with refernces to the Order Book for the Judgement given.

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[LETTER FROM THE VIRGINIA COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA, AUG. 6, 1623.]

August 6, 1623. We have sent you Coppies of our last and of

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<sup>3</sup>This proclamation was caused by the conduct of the widow, Cicely Jordan, in promising to marry both the Rev. Greville Pooley, and Mr. William Farrar. An account of this affair, with the text of the proclamation, may be found in Brown's *First Republic*, 563-565. The unpublished minutes of Council in the Library of Congress, show that later Mr. Pooley by a formal document which was put on record, resigned any claims he had or might have had to the fair widow.

what the privy Council wrote, touching the Comission we have nothing, the proceedings therein not having yet come to any conclusion that we know of. We don't doubt but it will conduce to the advancement of the plantation according to the Royal Intention of his Majesty declared in the Institution thereof. We are deeply touched with the Mortality scarcity and uncomfortable-ness among you of which we had notice from the Lords of the Privy Council for the relief of Scarcity his Majesty was very Sollicitous, where upon we got a Subscription of 700 Pounds to be sent in meal (other Commodities you have even to a Superfluity) for which meal we expect a just retribution. Tobacco clears here but 20d. per pound which we desire all may know that we may be freed from the unjust taxations of oppressions in selling Meal in Virginia at 30s. per Bushel that is 10 pounds Tobacco and we are certain our Meal cost us 12s. per Bushel. We desire your care in seeing us paid as soon as possible for our former supplies. We are 2000 Pounds Sterling behind which is a great discouragement. The adventurers of the maids desire our recommendation of that business desiring their pay. The fur Adventurers by the wickedness of the Captain and Mariners are quite overthrown wherefore desire your care in the Glass and Shipwrights (which last was the most expensive we ever undertook) and to make quick retribution Except you fall upon other comodities than Tobacco you may not expect a Subsistence. We hope you have got a good Entrance into Silk and Vines and expect some returns or it will be a discredit to us and you and give room to the Maligners of the plantations. Encourage the French men to stay if not for ever till they have taught our People their Skill in Silk and Vines. Nine Persons are sent to make Iron by a Blomery are to be assisted by private persons who shall have shares or if they wont, by the Company's Tenants Seat them at Martin's hundred or some more Commodious place and choose a director for them the passengers had been more but for a disparagement to the Plantation therefore take good care of these. We approve of Driving away your Enemies by a Lawful and just Policy, send no more sasafras, proceed in the fort, don't think it long ere we send Governor's and Treasurer's Tenants its difficult to do but hope to accomplish it next spring let the profits of the Tenants belonging to Captain Nuce's place be to his virtuous

Widow this Year Given in a great and General Court held for Virginia August 6, 1623 and Ordered to be sent in the Name of the Company to the Governor and Council of State in Virginia.

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‘[EXTRACTS FROM VIRGINIA RECORDS, 1622-23.]

A Commission for removing the people from Henrico and Coxendale dated 20, April '22.

A Commission to defend the Potowmecks against their and our Enemies 17 June '22.

20 June '22. A Commission to Sir George Yeardley to go and search for a convenient Settlement at the Eastern Shore because of the unfitness of this River to Secure against foreign and Domestick Enemies.

May 11, 1623. A Commission to Roger Smith to build a Fort at Warisquack and twenty Ninth said May Captain William Pierce made Captain of the Governor's guards.

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[PROPOSITION FOR THE SURRENDER OF THE CHARTER OF THE VIRGINIA COMPANY, OCTOBER 8, 1623.]

[Printed, *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* XV, 27.]

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[LETTER OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA TO THE COMPANY, OCTOBER 15, 1623.]

[Printed, *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* XV., 37-38. The statements in the note on p. 37 appear to be erroneous. All from the paragraph marked "15" on p. 37 to the end of the first paragraph on p. 38 appears, from the *Randolph MS.* to be part of a letter of October 15, 1623.]

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[LETTERS OF GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA TO THE COMPANY, APRIL 17, 1624.]

[Printed, *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, XV, 38.]

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\* These proclamations were produced by the dangers from Indian hostility, so fatally shown in the great massacre a short time before. The removal of settlers from Henrico and Coxendale was practically an abandonment of James river above its junction with the Appomattox.

[APPOINTMENT OF ROYALL COMMISSIONERS, ALDERMAN  
JOHNSON'S DECLARATION, ON OCT. 24, NOV. 17, 1623.]

[Printed, *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, XV, 26-27.]

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[LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA TO  
THE KING AND PRIVY COUNCIL IN REPLY TO  
JOHNSON'S DECLARATION &C.]

[Printed, *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, 27-28.]

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[THE COMMISSIONERS' PROPOSITION TO THE ASSEMBLY.]

[Printed, *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* XV, 28. The answer of  
the Assembly, which is not in the *Randolph MS.* is printed *ib.*  
28-29.]

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[THE ASSEMBLY'S ANSWER TO BUTLER'S UNMASKING OF  
VIRGINIA.]

[Printed, Stith's *History of Virginia*, 307-312. Butler's  
Charges are printed in Stith, 268, &c.]

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<sup>5</sup>[RECOMMENDATION OF CAPT. JOHN MARTIN.]

A Recommendation of Capt. John Martin to the Governor  
and Council (because it seems they did not like him), 19 Decem-  
ber 1623 from Company.

Another recommendation wherein they say that they have  
given him an ample Patent for his Land and forgiven his opposi-  
tion to the Company in regard to his antient and continued ser-  
vices to the plantation both in Body and Purse, that they must  
examine into the injuries done him by Sir George Yeardley and  
others and send proceedings therein. February the 4, 1623.

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[A LIST OF TITLES AND LANDOWNERS IN VIRGINIA, 1625.]

An Extract of all the Titles and Estates of Land<sup>6</sup> sent to the

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<sup>5</sup>See "The Case of Captain John Martin," by Alexander Brown, con-  
tributed to this Magazine, VII, 268 275. Mr. Brown has taken a more  
favorable view of Martin than have most other students of the time.

<sup>6</sup>This list is printed in Burk's *History of Virginia*, Vol. I, appendix;



privy Council by Sir Francis Wyatt when he returned according to their Order in their Letter dated at Salisbury May 15, 1625. In which there is the Names of the Corporations or Plantations. Persons that have patents and quantity of Land. Persons that have no Patents and quantity of Land. The Company's Land, University land, College Land, Treasurer's Land, Governor's Land, and Secretary's Tenants seated on the Eastern Shore but Land not yet laid out.

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but as that work is inaccessible to most of those of our readers who will be especially interested in the list, it is deemed proper to reprint it. The arrangement in Burk is somewhat different from that in the *Randolph Manuscript*, and probably was derived from another source. It should be stated that the use of the word "planted" is not entirely clear. If taken in its ordinary acceptance it would imply that only the lands so marked were occupied by the owners; but the census of 1624-5, printed in Hotten's *Emigrants*, shows that very many people whose lands are not described as "planted" were living in the corporations or boroughs where their lands were situated. For lists of the people of Virginia about this time see also "Lists of the Livinge and Dead in Virginia, Feb. 16, 1623" printed in *Colonial Records of Virginia*, Senate Document, (Extra), Richmond, 1874.

No better account can be given of the four "Great Corporations," which were formed in 1619, than in the words of President Lyon G. Tyler, in his valuable *Cradle of the Republic*:

"I. The corporation of Elizabeth City, (capitol, Elizabeth City), extending from the bay up the river, on the south side, to about Chuckatuck creek, and on the north side, to about Newport News.

"II. The corporation of James City, (capitol, Jamestown), extending on the south side, from about Nansemond river to upper Chippokes creek, and on the north side, from Newport News to the Chickahominy river.

"III. The corporation of Charles City, (capitol, Charles City, at the present City Point), extending on the south side, from upper Chippokes creek to the beginning of the pale run by Dale, between the Appomatox and James rivers, so as to include Bermuda Hundred and Jones' Neck, and on the north side to Farrar's Island.

"IV. The corporation of Henrico, (capitol, Henrico, on Farrar's Island), extending from Charles City corporation to the Falls." Each corporation was subdivided into boroughs. In 1634 the corporation system was abandoned, and the colony divided into eight shires or counties."

## The Corporation of Henrico.

On the Northerly side of James River from the Falls down to Henrico containing ten miles in length are the publick Lands reserved and laid out whereof Ten Thousand Acres for the University Lands three Thousand Acres for the Companys Land with other Lands belonging to the College the common Lands for that Corporation fifteen hundred Acres.

On the Southerly side beginning from the fall there are these patents granted, Vizt:

John Petterson,	100 Acres.
Anthony Edwards,	100
Nathaniel Norton,	100
John Prockter,	200 by Patent.
Thomas Tracy,	100
John Villiard,	100
Frances Weston,	300
Phettiplace Close,	100
John Price,	150
Peter Neinmart,	110 by Patent.
William Perry,	100
John Plower,	100

Surrendered for the use of the Iron work.

Edward Hudson,	100
Thomas Morgan,	150
Thomas Sheffield,	150

In Coxendale within the same Corporation of Henrico.

Lieut. Edward Barkley,	012
Richard Poulton,	100
Robert Aukland,	200
John Griffin,	50
Peter Neinmart,	40
Thomas Tindal,	100
Thomas Read,	100
John Layden,	200

The Corporation of Charles City.

George Grimes,	030
William Vincent,	100
Richard Taylor,	100

Robert Partin,	050
Thomas Douse	400
George Cawcot,	100
Isaac Chaplain,	50
Thomas Rose,	100
John Owley,	50
Joseph Charde,	100
John Dodds,	50
William Sharp,	40
James Usther,	100
William Cradouke,	100
John Owley,	150
Theophilus Barriston,	100
John Harris,	200 planted.
Robert Partin,	100 "
Nathaniel Cawsey,	200
John Carter,	40
Captain Maddison,	250 Planted.
Richard Bigs,	150 "
Francis Mason,	50
Henry Bagwell,	50
Samuel Jarrett,	100
John Dade,	100
Thomas Swinhow,	300
Thomas Hobson,	150
Simon Fortescue,	100
Thomas Gagne,	100
William Bayly,	100
John Witters,	100
Lieut. Richard Cragg,	250
John Car,	100
Richard Taylor,	100
Robert ———,	250

Laid out for the Company below Sherley hundred Island 3000  
Acres at Westover 500 Acres claimed by Captain Francis West.

Upon Apomatuck River.

William Farrar,	100
Henry Millward,	250

Charles Magnor,	650
Samuel Sharp,	100
Humphry Kent,	50
Mr. Abraham Perseyet,	1150
Richard Simons,	100
Arthur Anthony,	150
William Sizmore,	100
William Douglas,	250

Here is Land laid out for Charles City and the common Land.

The Territory of great Weyonoke.

Christopher Harding,	100
William Bayley,	50
Richard Pratt,	150
William Jarrett,	200
Captain Jo. Woodlife,	550
Samuel Jordan,	450 Planted.
Temperance Bayly,	200 "
Isacc Chaplin,	200 "
Capt. Nath. Powle,	600
Mr. Samuel Macock's Divident,	
Persley's Hundred	1000 Planted.
Tanks Weyonoke over against	
Persey's hundred,	2000

Captain Spilmans dividend,

Martin Brandon belonging to Captain John Martin by patent out of England.

Upon the Easterly side of Chapoke Creek is appointed 500 Acres belonging to the place of Treasurer, by order of Court.

John Martin,	100
George Harrison,	200
Samuel Each,	500

On the Northerly side is the Land belonging to Southampton hundred containing 100,000 Acres extending from Tanks Weyonoke down to the mouth of Chicahominy River.

The Corporation of James City.

Adjoining to the mouth of Chicahominy River there are 3000 Acres of Land laid out for the Company 3000 laid out for the

place of the Governor planted in which are some small parcels granted by Sir Thomas Dale and Sir Samuel Argall planted.

Mr. Richard Buck,	750 Acres Planted.
The Glebe Land,	100

In the Island of James Town are many parcels of Land Granted by patent and order of Court.

The Territory of Tappahanna over against James City.

John Dodds,	150
John Burrows,	150 Planted.
Richard Pace,	200 “
Francis Chapman,	100
Thomas Gates,	100 Acres.
Mr. John Rolfe,	400 Planted.
Capt. Wm. Powel,	200 “
Capt. Saml. Mathew's, Dividend	“
Capt. John Hurlestons, Dividend	“
John Baynham,	200 “
Mr. George Sandis,	300 “
William Ewins,	1000 “
Edward Grindon,	150 “
Capt. Wm. Powel,	550 “
Ensign Joseph Utie,	100
Robert Evers,	100

Hog Island.

Mary Bayly,	100 planted.
Southampton hundred,	“
Captain Hamor by claim	250 Planted.
Archer's Hope.	
Mr. Richard Buck,	150 Planted.
Captain Roger Smith,	100 by order of Court.
Rich'd Kingmell,	300 by Patent.
Mr. William Clayborne,	250 by order of Court.
Ensign William Spence	
and Jo. Fowler,	300 by Patent.
John Johnson,	100 “
Richard Kingmell,	200 by order of Court.

William Fairfax,	200 by Patent.
Joakim Andrews,	100     “
John Grubb,	100     “
John Fetherson,	250     “
George Perry,	100     “
Richard Staples,	150     “
Richard Brewst,	100     “

Martins hundred containing as is alledged 800,000 Acres part planted.

Near Mulberry Island.

Nathaniel Natt,                   200 by Patent.

Captain William Pierce and Mr. Joseph Rolfe with some others  
1700 Acres planted.

Warrasquoake Plantation containing 'downwards from Hog's  
Island fourteen Miles by the River's Side in which are these  
Patents following, Vizt:

John Carter,	100 Acres.
Christopher Daniel,	100
Adam Dixson,	100
John Perry,	100
Thomas Winter,	100
John Pollington,	600
Thomas Pool,	100
Anthony Barkam,	100
Capt. Nathaniel Basse,	300 Planted.
Giles Jones,	150     “

Blunt Point.

Mr. William Clayborn,	500 by order of Court.
John Baynham,	300 by Patent.
Captain Hamor,	500 by order of Court.
Gilberd Peppett,	50 planted.
Francis Gifford,	50     “
Captain Mathews, his Dividend Planted.	
Thomas Hothersall,	200
Cornelius May,	100
Richard Craven,	150
Richard Tree,	50
Richard Domelaw,	150

Percival Ibbison,	50
Edward Waters,	100

## Below Blunt Point.

Captain Joseph Hurleson,	100 by Patent.
Robert Hutchins,	100    "
John Southern,	40
Sir Frances Wyatt,	500 by order of Court.
Morrice Thomson,	150 by Patent.
John Salford,	100    "
Pharrow Flinton,	150    "
Lieutenant Giles Allington,	100    "
William Bently,	50    "
Thomas Godby,	100    "

## The Corporation of Elizabeth City.

Newports News,	1300 Planted.
Glebe Land,	100    "
Mr. Keyth,	100    "
John Taylor,	50    "
John Powel,	150    "
Capt. Wm. Tucker,	150
Richard Bolton,	50 claimed & planted.
John Salford,	50 Planted.
Robert Salford,	100    "
Robert Salford,	100    "
Miles Pricket,	150    "
John Bush,	300    "
William Inham,	150    "
Lieut. Lupo,	350
Eliz. Lupo,	50 Planted.
Thomas Spilman,	100    "
Edward Hill,	100    "
Alexander Mountney,	50    "
William Cole,	100    "
William Brooks,	100    "
Glebe Land,	100    "
Eliz. Dunthorn,	50    "
William Gany,	200    "
William Capp's, Dividend	"
William Landsell,	100    "

Mr. William Clayborn,	150
John Gundry,	150
Mary Bouldin,	100
Thomas Bouldin,	200
Mr. Peter Arundel,	200
Bartholomew Hoskins,	100
Capt. Roughly Croshaw,	500 fox hill.

## Pamunkey River.

Thomas Willowby,	200 by order of Court.
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On the Easterly side of Northampton there are 3000 Acres belonging to that Company at Elizabeth City planted and 1500 Acres common Land.

On the Southerly side of the main River against Elizabeth City.

Thomas Willoughby,	100 Acres by Patent.
Thomas Chapman,	100 "
Thomas Brewood,	200 "
John Downin,	100 "
Capt. Wm. Tucker,	650 "
John Sipsey,	250 "
Lieut. Joseph Cheesman,	200 "

## Eastern Shore.

John Flowers,	140
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Certain others have planted there but no Patents have been granted them.

The Company's and the Secretary's Tenants were also seated there but no Land ordered to be Laid out for them as in the other four Corporations.

Ensign Salvage, Dividend.

Sir George Yeardley at Hangers [Hungers] 3700 Acres by Order of Court.

The Extracts of all the Titles and Estates of Lands was sent home by Sir Francis Wyat (when he returned for England) unto the Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council according unto their Letter dated at Salisbury.

WM. CLAYBORNE.

May 15, 1625.

(TO BE CONTINUED)